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SUBJECT: DUTCH ENGINEERING STUDENT TOUR OF U.S. WEST COAST
FACILITIES

1. A GROUP OF 25 STUDENT SFROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE AT DELFT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, NETERHLANDS, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A VISIT TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE U.S. TO VISIT AEROSPACE ASSOCIATED CIVILIAN INDUSTRIES, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND NASA FACILITIES. ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF A 5 YEAR AEROSPACE ENGINEERING PROGRAM. THEY WOULD EQUATE APPROXIMATELY TO STUDENTS IN OUR COUNTRY WHO HAD COMPLETED REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND WERE WORKING ON A MASTERS IN ENGINEERING. THEY ARE THEREFORE INTERESTED IN A TECHNICAL TOUR OF OUR FACILITIES. IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR ALL THE PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE AN INTERIM NATO SECRET CLEARANCE IF THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN ARRANGING THEIR TRIP AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO MORE TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

2. THEY ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO LEAVE THE NETHERLANDS TOWARD THE END OF JUNE OR EARLY JULY. THEIR TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS YET INDEFINITE AS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR THE LEAST EXPENSIVE WAY TO GET TO OUR WEST COAST. THE MOST PROMISING OPTION SO FAR IS A MARTINAIR CHARTER TO LOS ANGELES ON 22 JUN 76 RETURNING
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21 DAYS LATER.

3. THEY WILL PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO PAY FOR THEIR MEALS AND LODGING WHILE IN THE US. HOWEVER, IF INEXPENSIVE MEALS AND LODGING COULD BE ARRANGED AT SOME OF THE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND CIVILIAN UNIVERSITIES, IT WOULD CERTAINLY HELP THE FINANCIAL BURDEN. PERHAPS SOME OF THE INDUSTRIES VISITED COULD PROVIDE A GRATIS LUNCH AS PART OF THEIR TOUR.

4. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ONCE THEY REACT THE WEST COAST. PERHAPS A MILITARY BUS COULD BE PUT AT THEIR DISPOSAL WHEN THEY ARE IN THE LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO AREAS. IF TRANSPORTATION UP AND DOWN THE WEST COAST CAN BE ARRANGED THAT WOULD ALSO HELP.

5. THE FOLLOWING IS ALOCALLY CONTRIVED LIST OF COMPANIES AND INSTALLATIONS THAT APPEAR TO OFFER WHAT THE STUDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE. ANY SUGGESTIONS, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FOR GOOD CAUSE ARE WELCOME PLEASE CONSIDER THE LIST A SHOPPING LIST FROM WHICH A GOOD TOUR CAN BE ARRANGED. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE NASA FLIGHT CONTROL CENTER IN HOUSTON APPEARS ON THE LIST. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR THE STUDENTS TO ARRANGE THEIR FLIGHT TO ALLOW THEM TO GO THROUGH HOUSTONEITHER GOING OR COMING AND IN THAT EVENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT FACILITY.

A. AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER, EDWARDS AFB.

B. AMES RESEARCH CENTER (NASA), MOFFET FIELD.

C. CONVAIR/GENERAL DYNAMICS, SAN DIEGO.

D. HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY, CULBER CITY, CA.

E. JET PROPULSION LABORATORY (CAL TECH/NASA), PASADENA, CA

F. LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, BURBANK.

G. LOCKHEED SPANCE INDUSTRIES, SUNNVALLE.

H. MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, LONG BEACH.

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I. NASA FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER, EDWARDS AFB.

J. NASA FLIGHT CONTROL CENTER, HOUSTON.

K. NORTH AMERICAN/ROCKWELL, LOS ANGELES.

L. NORTHROP AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES, LOS ANGELES.

M. PALMDALE TEST CENTER, PALMDALE.

N. VANDENBERG AFB (WESTERN TEST RANGE), LOMPOC.

O. ROCKETDYNE, CANOGA PARK.

6. WHILE ON THE WEST COAST IT MIGHT ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE VISITS ON WEEKENDS TO SUCH PLACES AS:

A. DISNEYLAND.

B. MOTION PICTURE STUDIOS.

C. NEARBY NATIONAL PARKS.

THIS WILL PROVIDE A PLEASANT INTERLUDE TO THEIR TECHNICALLY ORIENTED TRIP AND ALLOW THEM TO SEE AND LEARN THAT MUCH MORE ABOUT THE UNITED STATES.

7. ONE OTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO HAVE A UNIVERSITY OR SOME CIVIC ORGANIZATION SPONSOR THEIR TRIP. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE FINDING SUFFICIENT FAMILIES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES WITH WHOM THE STUDENTS COULD STAY WHILE THEY ARE IN THOSE RESPECTIVE AREAS.

8. I STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS TRIP AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT MADE TO DEVELOP A VISIT PROGRAM THAT WILL BE BOTH INTERESTING AND ACADEMICALLY STIMULATING. THESE STUDENTS WILL IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS BE THOSE WHO ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE DUTCH AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. SOME OF THEM WILL PROBABLY BE WORKING IN THE CO-PRODUCTION EFFORTS ON THE F-16 AND CERTAINLY ANY SUCCEEDING TYPE OF COOPERATIVE PRODUCTION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE A GOOD

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UNDERSTANDING OF OUR TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES AND THAT THEY VIEW US AS COOPERATIVE PARTNERS.
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